

West Hills Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2016

Prepared By: Traci McCall, Neighborhood Secretary

-Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. Neighbor introductions followed. During introductions, Mike Gifford gave a brief update that Curbside Pickup will be scheduled in early June.

I. Minutes approved from last meeting.

II. Andrew Chase, Library Director for Spokane Public Libraries presented the Library's vision for the future including: helping the community interact with information such as job applications, creating presentations, and generally providing education, renovating all branches to include quiet rooms, comfortable seating, and a flexible design. A draft of the Library's plan is available online.

III. Mike Lopez, Spokane Fire Department reminded the Council that the EMS Levy is coming up and to get out and vote on April 26, 2016. The ballot questions is whether to renew the levy at the same rate as was approved in 2010.

IV. Kevin Freibott and Kathleen Weinand from the Planner's Office presented the STA Fort George Wright Drive Station and Corridor Plan. The Plan is currently studying transit stations, land uses, layout, streetscape, multimodal connections such as street, bike, and trail connections. The Neighborhood voiced concerns over traffic signals and retail space.

*A Special Neighborhood Council meeting was scheduled for the second Tuesday in June to further discuss recommendations for the Corridor Plan.

V. Conservation Futures for Palisades Park- this project creates a wildlife corridor between Riverside State Park and Palisades Park. It was moved and seconded to write a letter in support of the project on behalf of the Neighborhood Council. Motion carried.

*April 23, 2016 is the Palisades Clean Up Day

VI. Bylaws agenda item was moved to the next meeting's agenda.

VII. Votes were held to put all officers including the Community Assembly Representative and Alternates in place. All motions carried.

VIII. Steven Wilson gave a brief presentation on the Finch Arboretum Community Gardens. For more information contact Steven at 509-308-9431.

IX. Update on River Run Traffic Calming Proposal- the proposal has been submitted. The anticipated time line includes notification if the proposal was accepted by Sept. 1, 2016. If approved, the proposal will be worked into the 2017 Plan.

X. A concern was raised about vagrant campsites near Buena Vista. Drug use has been reported as well as property damage to home owner's fences. The situation is complicated by the campsites being on railroad property. Recommendations included contacting police as well as Father Bachaven housing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.